

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended): A method for protecting skin comprising:

spraying on the skin of a subject in need thereof a liquid skin protective composition having a water content not more than 10 wt.%, a viscosity at 25°C of not more than 70 mPa·s, and comprising ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) 3 to 50 wt.% of a block copolymer having a linear polysiloxane-polyoxyalkylene block as a structural unit and having an HLB not more than 4,

(B) at least one kind of oil selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, vegetable oils, animal oils, synthetic oils and organopolysiloxanes other than the ingredient (A);

wherein ingredient (B) comprises the following oil ingredients (B-1) and (B-2):

(B-1) 30 to 80 wt.% based on the weight of the liquid skin protective composition of an oil ingredient selected from the group consisting of at least one of volatile organopolysiloxane and volatile liquid isoparaffin, having a volatility of not less than 0.2 mg/cm²hr;

(B-2) 30 to 60 wt.% based on the weight of the liquid skin protective composition of ~~an oil ingredient selected from the group consisting of at least one of~~ methylpolysiloxane[[,]] and liquid paraffin, squalane, safflower oil, isopropyl myristate, and fatty acid triglyceride.

13.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the volatile organopolysiloxane described as the ingredient (B-1) is at least one of decamethylcyclopentasiloxane or volatile liquid isoparaffin.

21. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the volatile organopolysiloxane described as the ingredient (B-1) is decamethylcyclopentasiloxane.

22. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 12, wherein the methylpolysiloxane and liquid paraffin of (B2) are present in a ratio ranging from 1/4 to 4/1
~~ingredient (B-2) is at least one selected from the group consisting of methylpolysiloxane, liquid paraffin and squalene.~~

23. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein said composition has a water content not more than 1 wt.%.

24. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the ingredient A is a block copolymer represented by the following formula (1):



(wherein, R represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group free of an aliphatic unsaturated group, A represents an alkylene group having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, "b" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, "b" pieces of AO may be the same or different, "c" stands for a number of from 2 to 40, "a" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, and Y represents a divalent organic group bound to the adjacent silicon atom via a carbon-silicon bonded and to the polyoxyalkylene block via an oxygen atom).

25. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the liquid skin protective composition contains ingredient (A) and ingredient (B) at a (A)/(B) weight ratio of from 3/10 to 60/100.

26. (New): A method for treating skin comprising:

spraying on skin a composition comprising:

(A) 3 to 50 wt.% of a block copolymer having a linear polysiloxane-polyoxyalkylene block as a structural unit and having an HLB not more than 6,

(B-1) 30 to 80 wt.% of a volatile organopolysiloxane and/or a volatile liquid isoparaffin, each of which has a volatility at 25°C of not less than 0.2-50 mg/cm²hr; and

(B-2) 30 to 60 wt.% of methylpolysiloxane and liquid paraffin, each of which has a volatility at 25°C of not more than 0.1 mg/cm²hr and a mutual solubility of 10% or less;

wherein said composition has a water content not more than 10 wt.% and a viscosity at 25°C of not more than 70 mPa·s.

27. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein (A) has an HLB of not more than 4.

28. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein (A) is a block copolymer having a linear polysiloxane-polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene.

29. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein (B1) is a cyclic methylcyclopolysiloxane.

30. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein the methylpolysiloxane and liquid paraffin in (B2) are present in a ratio ranging from 1/4 to 4/1.

31. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein the weight ratio (A)/(B1 + B2) is 3/100 to 60/100.

32. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein said composition contains not more than 10% of a monovalent alcohol having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

33. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein said composition is free of inorganic powder or pigment.

34. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein said composition further comprises 0.0001 to 1 wt.% of an anti-inflammatory agent.

35. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein said composition further comprises 0.0001 to 1 wt.% of an anti-microbial agent.

36. (New): The method of claim 26, wherein said composition contains 1 wt.% or less of water.